

Amendments to the Drawings:

The Examiner's permission is requested to amend Figs. 1 and 6 as marked in red in the appendix of drawings hereto. With respect to Fig. 1, the labelling of functional blocks that refer to "portion" is requested to be replaced with standard functional labels and with respect to Fig. 6, signal flow arrows are being added in two places.

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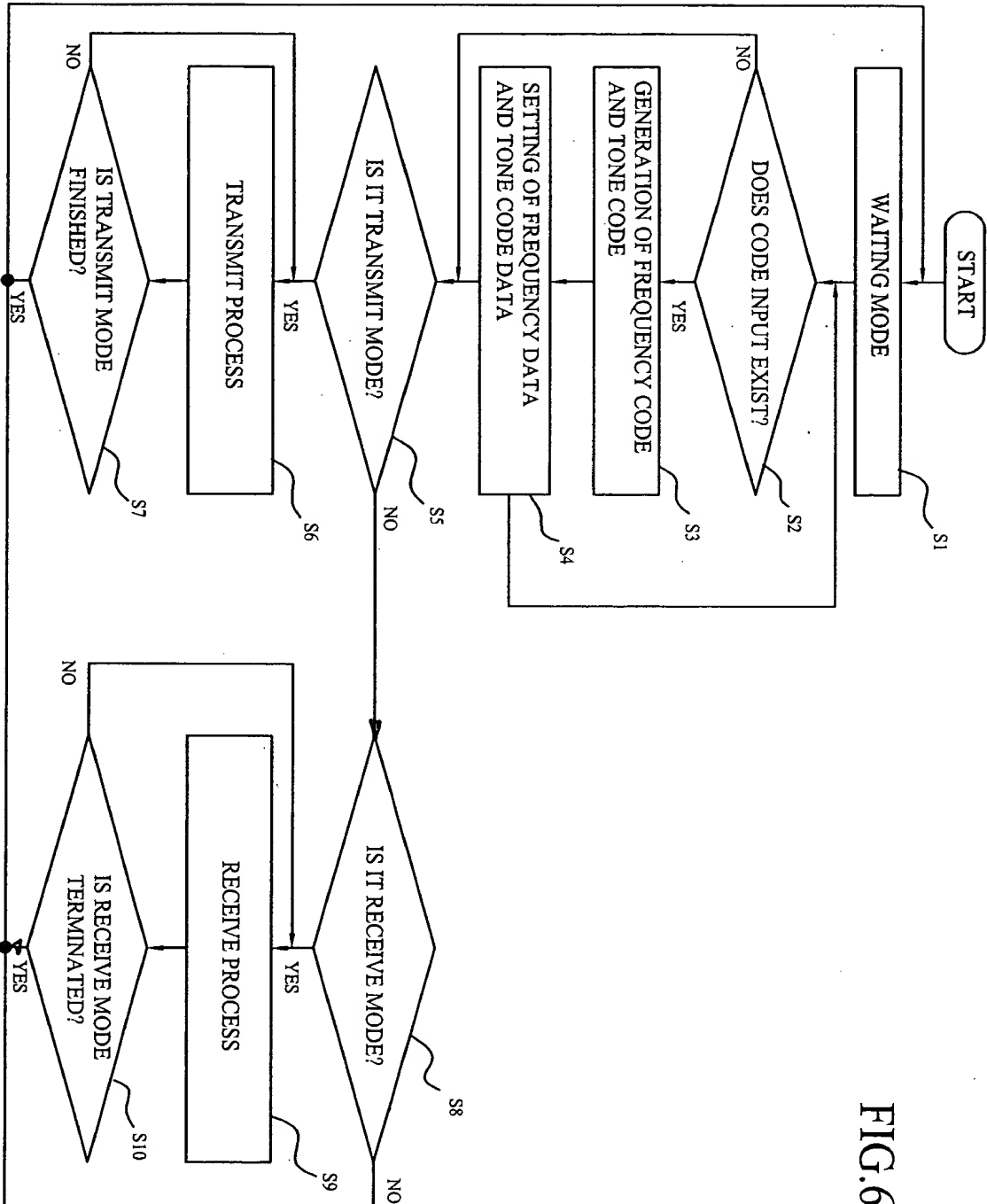


FIG.6